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In re Application of

Lucy M. Bull et al

Application No. 10/613,422

Filed: July 2, 2003

Attorney Docket No. B500790

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 21, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of an RCE and an amendment; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the final rejection mailed January 8, 2009, is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$1,110.00 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on September 21, 2009 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account as authorized.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1797 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received September 21, 2009.

/KOC/ Karen Creasy Petitions Examiner Office of Petitions